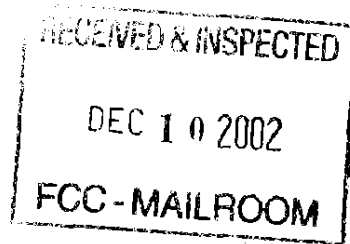


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Waiver Request

The Meade County Public Library would like to request a waiver of deadline date for the 2002-2003 Form 471. The filing window closed at 11:50 EST on January 17, 2002 and our postmark was not until January 18th, 2002. The reason for the request is that the Meade County Public Library hired me as their new director on January the 2nd. As the new director I was unaware of the filing date until the day of and was unable to finish in time to mail until the next day. As a small public library there was no one else who worked on such matters and therefore the transition put us at a disadvantage. I received on November the 25th a notification that we would not receive funds because we didn't file in the filing window. The library was also denied E-rate funds last year as well for lack of a signature. These denials have cut deep into the libraries budget and are extremely detrimental to the service we provide to our patrons. We are preparing the 2003-2004 471 currently and will submit long before the deadline we are hopeful that you will be understanding of our unique circumstances and accept our 2002-2003 funding request. Thank you for the time and assistance in considering our situation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Mitchell".

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